

MEMORANDUM

CITY/BOROUGH OF JUNEAU
155 South Seward Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801

DATE: March 28, 2014

TO: Randy Wanamaker, Chair *ow*
Assembly Public Works & Facilities Committee

FROM: Dennis Watson, Vice- Chair,
Juneau Planning Commission

SUBJECT: FY2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program

At a regular meeting on April 8, 2014 the Juneau Planning Commission reviewed the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program as required by CBJ 49.10.170 which states:

49.10.170(b) *Review of the Capital Improvements Program.* Upon adequate notice which shall be provided by the director, the commission shall review annually the capital improvements program of the City and Borough and submit its recommendations to the Assembly.

The purpose of the Planning Commission review is to determine the extent to which the CIP is consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan addresses capital improvements in Chapter 18, Implementation and Administration. Standard Operating Procedure 18.1 SOP1 states:

“Evaluate all ordinances, plans, capital improvement and public programs to ensure their consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. For specific land use or permit applications, require the applicant, whether a public agency or a private property owner, to demonstrate compliance to each applicable policy or provide evidence why an exception to a policy is warranted. Incorporate statements regarding compliance/non-compliance with Policies into findings of fact that provide the legal basis for determining approval or disapproval of a development application.” (emphasis added)

Policy 18.6 states:

“To develop a six-year capital improvement program to implement the Comprehensive Plan by coordinating urban services, land use decisions, and financial resources and to provide adequate funding for capital improvements to ensure the policies, standard operating procedures, development guidelines, implementing actions and subarea guidelines of the Comprehensive Plan are implemented.”

Further Implementing Actions



18.6 SOP1 states:

“Prepare an annual Six-year Capital Improvement Program. Request that CBJ departments, the public, and policy bodies nominate potential capital improvement projects from a variety of sources including the Comprehensive Plan and suggestions of resident and special interest groups, CBJ officials, advisory commissions and others.”

18.6.SOP2 states:

“CDD staff will analyze each CIP project list for conformity with the Comprehensive Plan.”

It is this implementing action that is the focus of this review. The purpose is to determine if the proposed projects of the FY2015-FY2020 CIP support the policies and implementing actions of the Comprehensive Plan. As a whole the Commission has found the CIP consistent with the Comprehensive plan.

The Planning Commission made recommendations for projects and priorities for the FY2015-2020 CIP in November 2013. However, in addition to those recommendations the Commission also recommends the following projects be added to the CIP:

- Second Crossing – planning and research to facilitate the development of the second bridge to Douglas Island.
- Douglas Sub-area Plan.